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SPP CAPITAL PARTNERS, LLC (A Limited Liability Company) DECEMBER 31, 2009

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CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

To the Member SPP Capital Partners, LLC

We have audited the accompanying statement of financial condition of SPP Capital Partners, LLC (a limited liability company) as of December 31, 2009, that you are filing pursuant to Rule 17a-5 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. This financial statement is the responsibility of the Company's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on this financial statement based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the statement of financial condition is free of material misstatement. An audit includes consideration of internal control over financial reporting as a basis for designing audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Company's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the statement of financial condition, assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall statement of financial condition presentation. We believe that our audit of the statement of financial condition provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the statement of financial condition referred to above presents fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of SPP Capital Partners, LLC as of December 31, 2009, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

As discussed in Note 2 of the financial statements, effective January 1, 2009, the Company changed its method of accounting for uncertainty in income taxes and adopted new accounting guidance with respect to fair value measurements related to non-financial assets and liabilities.

February 10, 2010

ASSETS

Cash and cash equivalents	\$	951,461
Fees receivable		216,999
Furniture, equipment and leasehold improvements, less accumulated depreciation and amortization of \$791,555 Other assets		12,505 48,323
TOTAL ASSETS	\$	1,229,288
LIABILITIES AND MEMBER'S DEFICIT		
Liabilities:		
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$	192,619
Deferred rent		15,357
Subordinated borrowings	_	1,100,000
Total liabilities		1,307,976
Commitments and contingencies (Note 8)		
Member's deficit	_	(78,688)
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND MEMBER'S DEFICIT	\$	1,229,288

NOTE 1. ORGANIZATION AND NATURE OF BUSINESS

SPP Capital Partners, LLC (the "Company") is a registered broker-dealer under the provisions of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and is a member of the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority, Inc. ("FINRA"). The Company is engaged in investment banking activities, which include private placements and underwriting of securities and corporate finance advisory services.

The Company does not hold funds or securities for, or owe any money or securities to, customers, and does not carry accounts of, or for, customers. Accordingly, the Company is exempt from the provisions of Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") Rule 15c3-3 under paragraph (k)(2)(ii).

The Company is a wholly-owned subsidiary of SPP Holdings, LLC (the "Parent").

Since the Company is a limited liability company, the member is not liable for the debts, obligations, or liabilities of the Company, whether arising in contract, tort or otherwise, unless the member has signed a specific guarantee.

Pursuant to the Company's limited liability company agreement, the Company will dissolve on December 31, 2048, or at such earlier time as determined by the members.

NOTE 2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Revenue recognition

Corporate finance fees on private placements or securities underwritings are generally recorded at the time the transaction is completed, unless a contractual arrangement provides for a fee in the absence of closing, in which case fees are recorded when earned. Fees receivable include reimbursable expenses allowed under the terms of advisory services agreements.

Cash and cash equivalents

The Company classifies cash held in a certificate of deposit account as a cash equivalent.

Use of estimates

The preparation of a statement of financial condition in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America ("GAAP") requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Recently adopted accounting pronouncements

In June 2009, the Financial Accounting Standards Board ("FASB") issued authoritative guidance that established the FASB Accounting Standards Codification ("Codification" or "ASC") as the source of authoritative GAAP recognized by the FASB to be applied to all nongovernmental entities. The Codification supersedes all of the existing accounting and reporting standards applicable to privately held companies upon its effective date and, subsequently, the FASB will not issue new standards in the form of Statements, FASB Staff Positions, or Emerging Issues Task Force Abstracts. The guidance is not intended to change or alter existing GAAP. The guidance became effective for the Company for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2009. The guidance did not have an impact on the Company's financial position, results of operations or cash flows. All references to previous numbering of FASB statements, FASB Staff

NOTE 2. <u>SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)</u>

Recently adopted accounting pronouncements (continued)

Positions or Emerging Issues Task Force Abstracts have been removed from the statement of financial condition and accompanying notes.

In September 2006, the FASB issued authoritative guidance for fair value measurements, which has been codified in FASB ASC 820, Fair Value Measurements and Disclosures. The new guidance enhances existing guidance for measuring assets and liabilities at fair value. The guidance defines fair value, establishes a framework for measuring fair value, and expands disclosure about fair value measurements. The Company adopted the standard as amended by subsequent FASB standards beginning January 1, 2008, on a prospective basis. In February 2008, the FASB issued authoritative guidance that permits companies to partially defer the guidance for one year for nonfinancial assets and liabilities that are recognized or disclosed at fair value in the financial statements on a nonrecurring basis. The Company elected to defer the adoption of the guidance for 2008 for nonfinancial assets and liabilities that are recognized or disclosed at fair value in the financial statements on a nonrecurring basis. The remaining aspects of the fair value measurement standard were adopted prospectively beginning January 1, 2009, and did not have a material effect on the accompanying financial statements.

On January 1, 2009, the Company adopted the new standard for uncertainty in income taxes. The Company is required to apply the "more likely than not" threshold to the recognition and derecognition of tax positions. The standard also provides guidance on the measurement of tax positions, balance sheet classification, interest and penalties, accounting in interim periods, disclosures, and transition. Adoption of the standard did not impact the Company's financial statements.

Fees receivable

Fees receivable are stated at the amount the Company expects to collect. The Company maintains allowances for doubtful accounts for estimated losses resulting from the inability of its customers to make required payments. Management considers the following factors when determining the collectibility of specific customer accounts: customer credit-worthiness, past transaction history with the customer, current economic industry trends, and changes in customer payment terms. If the financial condition of the Company's customers was to deteriorate, adversely affecting their ability to make payments, additional allowances would be required. Based on management's assessment, the Company provides for estimated uncollectible amounts through a charge to earnings and a credit to a valuation allowance. Balances that remain outstanding after the Company has made reasonable collection efforts are written off through a charge to the valuation allowance and a credit to accounts receivable.

No allowance for uncollectible accounts has been provided since management believes that all receivables at December 31, 2009, are collectible.

NOTE 2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Furniture, equipment and leasehold improvements

Furniture, equipment and leasehold improvements are carried at cost, less accumulated depreciation and amortization. Depreciation on furniture and equipment is computed on a straight-line basis over their estimated useful lives of five years. Amortization of leasehold improvements is on a straight-line method over the term of the lease.

Deferred rent

The Company has a long-term operating lease under which rent expense is recognized on a straight-line basis over the lease term. Deferred rent represents the difference between rent on a straight-line basis compared to the annual rent payable.

Subsequent events

In May 2009, the FASB issued guidance related to subsequent events, which was primarily codified into FASB ASC 855, Subsequent Events. This guidance establishes general standards of accounting for and disclosure of events that occur after the date of the statement of financial condition but before financial statements are issued. In particular, the guidance sets forth: (1) the period after the date of the statement of financial condition during which management of a reporting entity should evaluate events or transactions that may occur for potential recognition or disclosure in the financial statements; (2) the circumstances under which an entity should recognize events or transactions occurring after the date of the statement of financial condition in its statement of financial condition; and (3) the disclosures that an entity should make about events or transactions that occurred after the date of the statement of financial condition.

FASB ASC 855 is effective for interim or annual periods ending after June 15, 2009, and is to be applied prospectively. The Company adopted FASB ASC 855 as of December 31, 2009. The Company has evaluated all events or transactions that occurred after December 31, 2009, up through the date that the statement of financial condition was available to be issued on February 10, 2010, and determined that there are no subsequent events that are required to be disclosed or given effect in the accompanying statement of financial condition.

Fair value measurements

FASB ASC 820, "Fair Value Measurements and Disclosures", establishes a framework for measuring fair value. That framework provides a fair value hierarchy that prioritizes the inputs to valuation techniques used to measure fair value. The hierarchy gives the highest priority to unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities (Level 1 measurements) and the lowest priority to unobservable inputs (Level 3 measurements). Categorization within the valuation hierarchy is based upon the lowest level of input that is significant to the fair value measurement. Valuation techniques used need to maximize the use of observable inputs and minimize the use of unobservable inputs. Under the new standard, fair value is defined as the exit price, or the amount that would be received to sell an asset or transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants as of the measurement date.

The three levels of the fair value hierarchy under FASB ASC 820 are described as follows:

NOTE 2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Fair value measurements (continued)

Level 1 inputs to the valuation methodology are unadjusted quoted prices for identical assets or liabilities in active markets that the Company has the ability to access

Level 2 inputs to the valuation methodology include: quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities in active markets; quoted prices for identical asset or liabilities in inactive markets; inputs other than quoted prices that are observable for the asset or liability; and, inputs which are derived principally from or corroborated by observable market data by correlation or other means.

Level 3 inputs to the valuation methodology are unobservable and significant to the fair value measurement.

NOTE 3. FURNITURE, EQUIPMENT AND LEASEHOLD IMPROVEMENTS

Furniture, equipment and leasehold improvements consisted of the following at December 31, 2009:

Furniture and fixtures	\$ 357,036
Computer equipment	112,287
Leasehold improvements	 334,737
	804,060
Less: accumulated depreciation and amortization	 <u>(791,555</u>)
Furniture, equipment and leasehold	
improvements, net	\$ 12,505

NOTE 4. <u>SUBORDINATED BORROWINGS</u>

The subordinated loan from the Parent bears interest at a rate equal to the prevailing prime rate of interest plus 1%; however, the rate on the loan has a floor of 10.5% and a ceiling of 12.5%.

The subordinated loan, which matures on October 6, 2015, has been approved by FINRA and is available in computing net capital under the SEC's Uniform Net Capital Rule. To the extent that such borrowings are required for the Company's continued compliance with minimum net capital requirements, they may not be repaid.

NOTE 5. EMPLOYEE BENEFIT PLANS

The Company sponsors a 401(k) plan, the SPP Capital Partners, LLC Pension Plan (the "Plan"), which includes a profit-sharing plan covering all eligible employees. The Company contributes up to a maximum of 3% of an employee's base salary, dependent upon the employee also making elective salary deferrals. The Company may also make discretionary contributions to the Plan. Employees vest in the employer's contribution over a three-year period after the first year of service.

The Company has a nonqualified additional compensation program that applies to the four key employees with employment agreements with the Company. The employees receive contributions under this plan when they are limited by Internal Revenue Code Section 401(a)17 or 415(c). Any such additional compensation is paid on a quarterly basis and is treated as current compensation for tax purposes.

NOTE 6. RELATED-PARTY TRANSACTIONS

The Company has a service agreement with SPP Mezzanine Partners II, LLC, a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Parent. The agreement provides for advisory fees to be paid to the Company monthly, as well as an advisory bonus to be calculated based on 5.35% of the affiliate's net profit before bonus. Accrued advisory fees amounting to \$1,446 are unpaid and included in other assets as of December 31, 2009.

NOTE 7. INCOME TAXES

The Company is treated as a partnership for tax purposes and, as such, is not liable for federal, state or local income taxes. As a single-member limited liability company, and therefore a disregarded entity for income tax purposes, the Company's assets, liabilities, and items of income, deduction and credit are combined with and included in the income tax returns of the Parent. The Parent is subject to the New York City unincorporated business tax. In accordance with the intercompany tax policy, the Company pays to or receives from the Parent amounts equivalent to the New York City tax charges based on separate company taxable income or loss.

NOTE 8. COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES

Operating leases

The Company has an operating lease expiring on September 30, 2010, for its office space in New York City. Approximate minimum annual payments will be \$313,000 in 2010.

The Company's New York City lease contains provisions for increased base rent over the life of the lease.

NOTE 8. <u>COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES (CONTINUED)</u>

Employment agreements

The Company has entered into employment agreements with three key employees that expire on December 31, 2015. These agreements provide for (1) annual base salaries, (2) additional compensation intended to provide for incremental personal income taxes paid by the employees due to their membership in the Company, and (3) annual bonuses, which include a base bonus, a supplemental bonus and incentive bonus, all defined in the employment agreements.

Revolving credit facility

The Parent has a revolving credit facility with a group of lenders that can be used to provide the Company with subordinated financing up to an additional \$1,535,000 at December 31, 2009. The facility has a maturity date of October 6, 2015. Any borrowings made under this line of credit bear interest at the prime rate plus 2% per annum.

At December 31, 2009, \$136,503 of this facility was assigned as a security deposit under the lease described above. Interest on the revolving credit facility for the year ended December 31, 2009, was \$6,568.

Contingencies

In the normal course of business, the Company may be a party to litigation and various regulatory matters. As of December 31, 2009, there were no such matters in which the Company was involved.

NOTE 9. <u>CONCENTRATION OF CREDIT RISK</u>

The Company maintains its cash accounts at one commercial bank in amounts that at times may exceed the federal insurance limit, which was \$250,000 at December 31, 2009.

NOTE 10. REGULATORY NET CAPITAL REQUIREMENT

As a registered broker-dealer, the Company is subject to the SEC's Uniform Net Capital Rule ("SEC Rule 15c3-1"), which requires the maintenance of minimum regulatory net capital and that the Company's ratio of aggregate indebtedness to net capital, both as defined, not exceed 15 to 1. Net capital and aggregate indebtedness change from day to day. As of December 31, 2009, the Company had net capital of approximately \$743,000, which was approximately \$643,000 in excess of the required minimum of \$100,000. The Company's ratio of aggregate indebtedness to net capital ratio was .28 to 1 at December 31, 2009.